

Ownership by a few is the antithesis of free access to information and viewpoints. the USA already has the problem in a serious way. consolidation of ownerships has resulted in the public being exposed to few points of view and has increased the ability of the government to influence opinions. This is unhealthy and may be a threat to our democratic institutions. During the recent crisis various points of view on the war and its aftermath were missing in US newspapers, TV and radio. the public was deprived of information essential for informed decisions. This has long been a problem regarding conflicts in various parts of the world. Various administrations points of view have overshadowed or completely blotted out information and stifled debate and free expression. An informed electorate is essential for a healthy democracy!